(c) whether there is any system to monitor that banned drugs are not administered at the overseas places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Since 2002, 8 Indian sportspersons have been found guilty of taking banned drugs during international events.

(b) Out of the said 8 sportspersons, 3 were sent to foreign countries for pre-competition training.

(c) Word Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has a system to check athletes at any time any where without prior notice.

Expenditure for next Olympic Games

1044. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the time and venue of next Olympic Games;

(b) whether Government alongwith the State Governments and the sports associations have been coaching our sports persons/athletes to win maximum number of medals;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the same and the expenditure made so far;

(d) whether Central Government adopts the policy of "coach them young" as adopted successfully by China;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the achievements likely to be made therefrom; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The next Olympic Games are scheduled to be held at Beijing, China from 8th to 24th August, 2008.

(b) and (c) Government of India supports and supplements the efforts of State Governments and the National Sports Federations (NSFs) for preparing/training of Indian Sportspersons/athletes to win medals in international competitions. The preparation/training of sportspersons for major international events including Olympic Games is an on-going process which takes into account inputs provided by NSFs. Systematic approach

is adopted to select and train athletes and teams for participation in the major international events by drawing Long Term Development Programme (LTDP) to put in action four year roll-on Plan under which elite sportspersons selected on the basis of their performance are put through scientifically designed continuous training programme. Coaches are also being imparted training from time to time. The selections for sportspersons and their coaches for participation in Olympics Games are made by the National Sports Federation (NSFs). However, sportspersons/teams have to qualify/ achieve the qualifying standards/norms fixed by the International Sports Federation/International Olympic Committee in identified national/ international competitions before they participate in Olympic Games. No specific amount is allocated for preparation for Olympic Games only.

(d) Government of India through Sports Authority of India (SAI) runs various schemes such as National Sports Talent Contest Schemes, Army Boys Sports Company Scheme, Special Area Games Scheme and Centre of Excellence Scheme in order to scout talent at young age and nurture them.

(e) and (f) Many promising sportspersons, who have been imparted training under the above schemes, brought laurels to the country. However, it is premature to assess the achievements of trainees under these Schemes for Olympic Games, 2008.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Annual Report and Accounts (2004-2005) of the Various Central Tool Rooms and related Papers

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indo-Danish Tool Room (IDTR), Jamshedpur, for the year 2004-2005, together with the Auditor's report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 2881/05]

(ii) (a) Thirteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Tool Room (CTR), Bhubaneswar, for the year 2004-2005, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.